GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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VISAKHAPATNAM-VIJAYAWADA HPCL PIPELINE
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Visakhapatnam-Vijayawada pipeline of HPCL is not functioning at full capacity;

(b) if so, the details of capacity of this pipeline to transport oil and other petroleum products;

(c) the percentage of this capacity is being utilised presently;

(d) whether there are any plans to use the additional capacity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) Visakhapatnam - Vijayawada pipeline of HPCL has been recently extended upto Secunderabad. The present capacity of the pipeline is 5.38 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA). The projected thruput for the pipeline for the year 2002-03 is 3.273 MMT.

(d) & (e) The pipeline system is generally designed to cater to the future market demand. Thus, the additional capacity available in the system would be put to use to meet the future demand.